

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. Claims 25-30 were previously withdrawn as non-elected and applicants reserve the right to reassert such claims in the event that a generic claim is allowed or in a continuing application. Claims 1, 25, and 30 are independent. Claims 2-24 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1. Claims 26-29 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 25.

Rejection(s) for non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting


Claims 1-24 stand rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as obvious over U.S. Patent no. 6,790,198. This prior patent is co-owned and was 100% co-owned at the time of the invention by the owner of 100% of the present application. A terminal disclaimer under 37 CFR 1.321 has been filed herewith on behalf of applicant. It is respectfully submitted that a non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is properly overcome by a timely filed terminal disclaimer. Thus, the rejection with respect to Claims 1-24 is respectfully traversed. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at

the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17127/002004).

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